

Mayor's Message

September 2010

When I am out on my daily tours of the City, it is exciting to see new projects coming out of the ground. Watching their progress is fascinating to me. With our City's long and wonderful history, the changes that are happening now will shape the future reference for our children and grandchildren of Murray. Even as the economy struggles to go forward again, we are fortunate to have changes and projects moving ahead in our City.

You may have noticed the work being done on the west side of State Street with the Larry Miller dealerships. They have a grand vision for this area where the original Larry Miller dealership began. The group purchased the dealership south of Murray High School to relocate their Chevrolet line to this site. The former Chevrolet dealership will become their Toyota dealership. Several other moves are planned as this group works to create a row of vehicle offerings that will have countless opportunities for the traveling public. These projects have provided a great financial boost for our City as they come out of the ground.

Fashion Place Mall is working on additional changes and renovations. They are working to bring in new businesses that will continue to enhance retail opportunities in our community. We appreciate all the amenities the Mall provides and the good relationships we enjoy with their management.

Many other groups are interested in our City and want to bring services that will be well utilized by our residents. Your support of our Murray businesses is the key to their success. I recently went into a small business and spoke with the owner. They have great products, but are struggling to stay viable. They expressed their gratitude for the residents who drop by and help spread the word that they are here and anxious to serve you.

More meetings will be held on the planning process underway in our downtown area. I hope you will share your thoughts and ideas as we work on an exciting vision for downtown. There is potential to create a memorable downtown for future generations to enjoy.

The work on Frontrunner and the Mid-Jordan Trax line will provide great transportation resources to our residents and to the metropolitan area as a whole. The realignment of Cottonwood Street and Winchester will improve the way traffic flows for all vehicles. We look forward to the completion of these projects, a few phases at a time, over the next few years.

Because there was only a small amount of funding available to rebuild roads in the City, we are trying a different approach this year. Roads that are maintained regularly with a 'micro seal' will last longer. The roads selected for this work are located in the same general areas for the most efficient use of the equipment and must be in relatively good condition. The end of September is a good time for this maintenance work to be done. Your patience is helpful as we make these repairs.

I hope you enjoy the fall in our beautiful City.